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CONVEXO CONCAVE)
DETECTING METHOD BY USE)
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Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e): Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08.

Regarding the non-English language patent documents listed on the attached form, attached are English Abstracts for each of the documents. Also attached is a copy of Notification of Reason(s) for Refusal documents from Japanese application nos. 2003-435068 and 2004-106923, which correspond to the present application. The Notifications refer to the listed non-English patent documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

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